

SILVERTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

U.S. Route 550

Silverton

As its name suggests, this was an important silver-producing area. Mining began in 1874, the year the town of Silverton was established. The town was connected to Durango by a narrow-gauge railroad in 1882. A number of significant buildings survive from the mining era, but the railroad (itself a National Historic Landmark) now transports tourists rather than miners. (See also Durango-Silverton Narrow-Gauge Railroad, La Plata County.)